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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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MOBILE SERVICE IN JHARKHAND AND BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of sub-divisions and districts in Jharkhand and Bihar are deprived of Mobile/Cellular service of BSNL ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the existing norms for starting cellular mobile service and selection of areas for the purpose by BSNL;

(d) whether the BSNL propose to connect various blocks/sub- divisionsand districts in Jharkhand and Bihar by mobile telephone service during the year 2003-2004;

(e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(f) the time by which this service is likely to be commenced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRADHAN)

(a) to(c): Yes Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) plansto provide Cellular Mobile Service in the countryhad envisaged coverage of District Head Quarters, Important Tourist and Important Pilgrimage Centres, Important National Highways etc. The service has already been provided in all DHQsin Jharkhand and in Bihar Except Buxarwhich will be launched during 2nd quarter of current financial year.

(d) to (f): Yes Sir. The list of additional towns proposed for coverage with Cellular service by BSNL during 2003-04is given in the Annexure .

ANNEXURE

LIST OF PROPOSED TOWNS TO BE COVERED BY CELLULAR SERVICE OF BSNL DURING 2003-04

NEW CITIES

JHARKHAND

1. PIPARWAR

2. DAKRA

3. SUKURTHUTTU

4. PITHORIA CITY

5. KHUNTI
6. MURI

7 KHELARI

8. GHATSHILA

9. GAMHARIA
10. CHAKRADHARPUR
11. NOAMUNDI
12. JADUGORA
13. KODERMA
14. GHATO TAND
15. BHURKUNDA
16. CFRI
17. KARTRAS
18. BERMO
19. TENUGHAT
20. GOMIA
21. BALIDIH
22. NIRSA
23. MUGMA

BIHAR

1. DUMRAON

2. BRAHMPUR

3. BIHIA

4. PIRO

5. BIKRAMGANJ
6. KOCHAS

7 NOKHA

8. DINARA

9. BIHTA
10. BIKRAM
11. MOKAMAH
12. MASAURHI
13. PUNPUN
14. HARNAUT
15. HILSA
16. BUXAR
17. DALMIANAGAR